

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the second paragraph on page 4 with the following:

An easy way to assess the available services from the plug-ins coupled to the component framework is to maintain a list of the services with their properties and requirements. Such a list is preferably in digital electronic form. Preferably, the component framework generates, updates and store this list of available services. Advantageously, the list of services is provided in the form of a distributed set in which ~~te~~ services of one or more plug-ins are assigned identifiers depending on the behaviour of the services; thus, services having the same behaviour are assigned to the same identifier and services having different behaviour are assigned to different identifiers. The distributed set further accounts for ~~at~~ which plug-ins ~~which~~ and services are available. Because the distributed set resides in the component framework, the location of the service is of no concern to the client using such service.